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SUBJECT: TASS DEPUTY BUREAU CHIEF DISCUSSES GENEVA

1. TASS DEPUTY BUREAU CHIEF YEDRASHNIKOV MADE FOLLOWING REMARKS
TO EMBOFF APRIL 15 RE ARAB/ISRAELI AFFAIRS.

2. USSR WANTS US TO ARRANGE SECOND-STAGE DISENGAGEMENT IN SINAI.
AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED JUST BEFORE GENEVA CONFERENCE
RECOMMENCES OR, ALTERNATIVELY, SIGNATURE COULD BE FIRST ORDER
OF BUSINESS OF MILITARY COMMITTEE. ONLY IF US AND USSR GET
TOGETHER ON GENEVA STRATEGY CAN CONFERENCE BE SAVED.

3. EMBOFF ASKED IF MOSCOW IS AT ALL OPTIMISTIC ON QUESTION OF
ARAB ABILITY TO SOLVE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION PROBLEM.
YEDRASHNIKOV AGREED THAT ARAFAT/SADAT MEETING IN CAIRO SEEMED
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TO HAVE ACHIEVED LITTLE ON THIS ISSUE AND SAID THERE IS "RUMOR

FROM DAMASCUS" THAT ARAFAT HAS ANNOUNCED TO HIS PLO
COLLEAGUES HE WILL NOT PERSONALLY GO TO GENEVA EXCEPT AS HEAD
OF INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN DELEGATION. HOWEVER, ARAFAT WILL
ACCEPT SCENARIO PUTTING HIM AND HIS DEL IN GENEVA AT SECOND
STAGE OF CONFERENCE.
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